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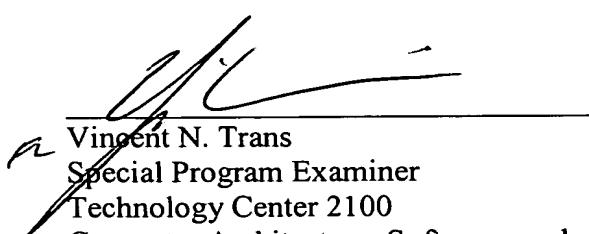
**DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY
OR AGENT**

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw from Representation filed November 21, 2003.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 **further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.**

There is no indication that Applicant has been notified of the request for withdrawal. Accordingly, the request is **DENIED.**

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